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## Two New *Oedogonia* from the Philippines

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From collections of freshwater algae made in Leyte Province of the Philippine Islands during 1944 and 1945, Britton (1948) reported four species and one variety of *Oedogonium* previously undescribed. In samples of these collections, referred to the writer, occur two additional new species of *Oedogonium*.

*Oedogonium discretum* **sp. nov.** Dioecious, macrandrous; oogonia 1-4, globose or pyriform or oboviform-globose, with a superior (rarely supreme) pore; oospore globose, almost completely filling oogonium: outer and inner wall smooth, middle wall scrobiculate; antheridia 1-4; sperms 2, with horizontal division; basal cell elongate; vegetative cell (12-) 16-23 by (39-) 50-89 $\mu$ ; oogonium 43-49 by 43-59 $\mu$ ; oospore 40-46 by 40-50 $\mu$ ; antheridium 13-14 by 6-7 $\mu$ .

Dioicum, macrandrium; oogoniis globosis vel pyriformibus vel oboviformi-globosis, singulis vel 2-4 continuis, poro superiore (rarius supremo) apertis; oosporis globosis, oogonia fere complentibus, membrana triplici: episporio laevi, mesosporio scrobiculato, endosporio laevi; antheridiis ad 4-continuis; gametis masculis binis, divisione horizontali ortis; cellula basali forma, ut vulgo, elongata; cellulis vegetativis (12-) 16-23. Iatis, (39-) 50-89 $\mu$  longis; oogoniis 43-49 $\mu$  latis, 43-59 $\mu$  longis; oosporis 40-46 $\mu$  latis, 40-50 $\mu$  longis; antheridiis 13-14 $\mu$  latis, 6-7 $\mu$  longis.

This species resembles *Oe. figuratum* Tiffany, but differs in cell dimensions and in the size of the pits of the middle spore-wall. It was collected in a shallow pool in a pasture near San Joaquin on October 7, 1945. Type specimens in Britton's Pacific Collection, no. 127 and 128. *Pl.* 1, *fig.* 5-8.

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*Oedogonium pudicum* **sp. n. ay.** Monoecious; oogonium 1, oboviform-globose or nearly globose, opening with superior or nearly supreme operculum; oospore globose, filling oogonium or nearly so, with smooth, thick spore-wall; antheridia 1-3, subepigynous; sperms 2, division horizontal; basal cell elongate; vegetative cell capitellate, 10-16 by 24-64<sub>u</sub>; oogonium 32-40 by 33-50<sub>u</sub>; oospore 29-35 by 29-35<sub>u</sub>; antheridium 10-11 by 6-7<sub>u</sub>.

Monoicum; oogoniis oboviformi-globosis vel fere globosis, singulis, operculo apertis, circumscissione superiore vel fere suprema; oosporis globosis, oogonia complentibus vel fere complentibus, membrana crassa, laevi; antheridiis subepigynis, gametis masculis binis, divisione horizontali ortis, 1-3 continuis; cellula basali forma, ut vulgo, elongata; cellulis vegetativis capitellatis, 10-16<sub>u</sub>, latis, 24-64<sub>u</sub> longis; oogoniis 32-40<sub>u</sub>, latis, 33-50<sub>u</sub>, longis; oosporis 29-35<sub>u</sub>, latis, 29-35<sub>u</sub> longis; antheridiis 10-11<sub>u</sub>, latis, 6-7<sub>u</sub> longis.

This species is intermediate in size and in general appearance between *Oe. ouchitanum* Taft and *Oe. bohemicum* Hirn. It was collected on roots and rhizomes of grasses in a ditch and in shallow water of pastured swamps one mile west of Palo on September 27, 1945. Type specimens in Britton's Pacific Collections, no. 127 and 128. *Pl. 1, fig. 9, 10.*

*Oedogonium circumlineatum* Britton was collected near San Joaquin on October 7, 1945, with oospores having as few longitudinal costae as 30. Britton (1948) gives the range in number of costae as 40-50. *Pl. 1, fig. 1-4.*

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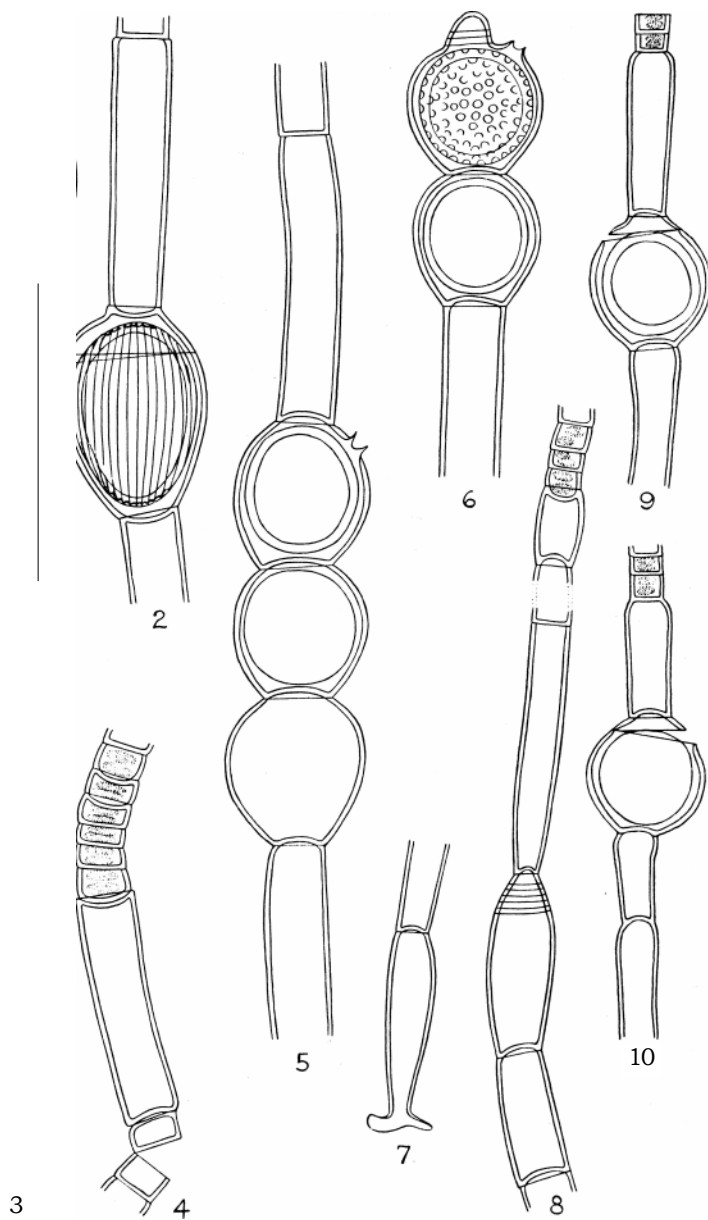


Plate 1. Fig. 1-4. *Oedogonium circumlineatum* Britton. Fig. 5-8. *Oedogonium discretum* sp. nov. Fig. 9-10. *Oedogonium pudicum* sp. nov.